



Second Chance Day Advocacy

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Georgia Needs Your Voice!



- YOUR voice and YOUR personal story are powerful tools when reaching out to legislators.
- Voice your support of legislation you support and oppose bills that will negatively impact your community.

Do Your Research

- This information appears in a handout in your packet: “Tips for Making Your Legislative Contact Count.”
- Bills and Issues
 - AJC Legislative Navigator: <https://legislativenavigator.myajc.com/>
 - General Assembly website: <http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/default.aspx>
 - Sign up for GJP’s updates: <https://www.gjp.org/advocacy/legislative-updates/>
- Finding Your Legislator
 - Enter your address or zip code
 - Georgia My Voter Page: <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>
 - Open States: <https://openstates.org/find-your-legislator/>
 - Take note of their phone numbers and addresses

***GJP staff is here to help you today!!!**



Important Legislative Committees

- House of Representatives Judiciary Non-Civil Committee
- Senate Judiciary Committee
- See Georgia General Assembly handout in your packets for names and contact information

Ways to Advocate

- **Attend advocacy days at the Capitol with local organizations (like today!) and Justice Day on February 26th.**
- Meet with your officials by making an appointment or “call out” at the ropes
- Make a call, send an email or write a letter
- Attend committee meetings or town halls and ask to testify
- Spread the word via social media and community conversations

- **DON'T STOP WITH ONE!** To be most effective, conduct outreach in person and then follow up in the ways listed above.

Messaging

- **Simple message:** Rehabilitated Georgians with convictions on their record deserve a second chance. (See script on back of agenda handout.)
- **Your story:** Why does this issue matter to you?
- **One or two key facts:**
 - Criminal records act as barriers to housing, employment, and a stable life.
 - Research shows that expungement of convictions benefits the community and the economy.
- **Make your ask:** Please support legislation that allows for the restriction of certain convictions in Georgia.
- **Thank you representative for their time and let them know you intend to follow up.**
- **Leave behind helpful materials – postcard and Second Chances flyer.**

Leave-Behind or Mail Postcards

- Fill out postcards with the legislator's info and your contact information to leave behind at the Capitol
- Extra postcards on tables
- Send them to your local prosecutors and let them know you support second chances
- Contact Helen Mun at Helen@GJP.org if you or your organization would like more postcards to send.

The Call-Out Process



- Both the Senate and House voting floors are on the third floor. This is where you'll find the "rope line."
- On the south side, you'll come up to two podiums – one outside the Senate and once outside the House.
- Fill out a request for your legislator to come out of the chamber to meet with you (representatives: white form; Senators: yellow form).
- Give the form to the secretary sitting outside the main chamber of the House or Senate. She will send a page to ask the Representative or Senator to come meet with you.
- If your legislator does not come out to meet you, ask the page to take your handouts back to the legislator.

***** MESSAGE *****

DATE: _____ TIME: _____

TO REPRESENTATIVE: _____

FROM: Mr./Ms. _____ PHONE: _____

AFFILIATED WITH/HOME TOWN: _____

MESSAGE: _____

RESPONSE FROM MEMBER:

- CANNOT LEAVE AT THIS TIME — IMPORTANT LEGISLATION BEING DISCUSSED.
- I WILL CALL YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- PLEASE WAIT — I WILL BE WITH YOU SHORTLY.
- MESSAGE: _____



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JUSTICE DAY

AT THE CAPITOL

FEBRUARY 26, 2019

Register for Talk Justice Tuesdays and
Justice Day at JusticeDay365.com



Capitol Group Leaders

- Deborah Pierson – House Judiciary Non-Civil: Efstration - Powell
- Atoyia Johnson – House Judiciary Non-Civil: N-Z - Sainz - McLaurin
- Elizabeth Lummus – Senate Judiciary: Stone - Kennedy
- Dominique Madison – Senate Judiciary: Ligon - Rhett

- Look up your Legislators:

www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do



SECOND CHANCE DAY

EXPANDING EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS IN GEORGIA

February 5, 2019 | 9:30 AM - 12 PM

Georgia State Capitol Room 406

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